

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed October 3, 2003, claims 1-21, and 24-28 are rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Davis et al. (US Patent 5,796,952 "Davis"). Claim 23 is rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated Kurzke.

In response to the rejection of claims 1-21, and 24-28 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Davis, Applicants have amended the claims to more clearly distinguish Applicants' invention over the cited art. In particular, Applicants have amended each of the independent claims 1, 9, 14, and 21 to indicate that the monitoring profile:


"includes information specifying which application programs, and which features of said application programs, installed on a corresponding one of said client computers are to be monitored."

Applicants respectfully submit that Davis fails to disclose or suggest a monitoring profile which includes information specifying which application programs, and which features of the application programs, are to be monitored. Col. 5, lines 35-44 is cited for disclosing the subject originally included in claim 3. However, col. 5, lines 35-44 refers to executable programs for monitoring, not application programs and (features of application programs), being run on the client computer by a user, which are to be monitored. Accordingly applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 9, 14, and 21 as amended are allowable over the cited references.

In response to the rejection of claim 23 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated Kurzke, Applicants have also amended claim 23 to distinguish over Kurzke. In particular, Applicants have also amended independent claim 23 to indicate that the monitoring profile "includes information specifying which application programs, and which features of said application programs, installed on a corresponding one of said client computers are to be monitored." Applicants respectfully submit that Kurzke fails to disclose or suggest such monitoring profiles.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims.

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